

## Management Guidelines

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**Boating Restrictions.** See management guidelines for the Talachulitna River Management Unit described earlier in this section.

**Standards for Interaction Impacts.** See Subunit 5b, Talachulitna River Canyon.

**Voluntary Trip Scheduling Program.** See Subunit 5b, Talachulitna River Canyon.

## Public Use Sites

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See *Public Use Sites* in Chapter 2 for management guidelines. Specific locations are shown on maps at the end of this unit.

- PU 5d.1 Trinity Creek Junction (RM 4.5). This site is popular for fishing and camping.
- PU 5d.2 Unnamed Campsite (RM 14). This site is frequently used for fishing and camping.
- PU 5d.3 Unnamed site (RM 16.5). This site is a popular fishing area used by clients who walk down from the lodge on Judd Lake.

# 5e. Judd Lake Subunit

## Background

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**MILES OF RIVER/RIVER CHARACTERISTICS,** Talachulitna Creek RM 17 to RM 22

This subunit includes Judd and Talachulitna lakes. Less than 10 percent of the area around the lakes is contiguous wetland.

### LAND OWNERSHIP

State	2,376 acres
Matanuska-Susitna Borough	900 acres
4 Private Parcels	19 acres
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,295 acres</b>

### FISHERIES

The Talachulitna Creek inlet and outlet on Judd Lake are popular fishing areas.

### WILDLIFE

Neither bald eagle nor trumpeter swan nests have been sighted in recent surveys of this subunit.

### CAMPING

The most heavily used campsite is at the inlet to Judd Lake.

### DEVELOPMENT

There are four cabins on the lake and the remnants of a burned cabin. Silvertip Lodge has a large dock and equipment storage shed at the creek outlet.

### ACCESS

Judd Lake is accessible in summer only by floatplane. The lake is the primary put-in for float trips down the river. Silvertip Lodge has brushed

a foot trail from the west end of the lake along the creek to Talachulitna Lake. The lodge has also cut a loop trail that extends approximately two miles downriver. There are also foot trails around the lake associated with the private cabins and the lodge and some short foot trails associated with the sandy area at the inlet to the lake.

#### HERITAGE RESOURCE

The heritage site potential is high.

## Management Intent

**Class II.** This subunit features high quality fishing, hunting, and camping opportunities for lodge-based or airplane-based users in a scenic setting. The lake is also a staging point for Talachulitna River float trips. One lodge and a few private cabins are sited in the lake area take advantage of the remote, primitive setting. Both Judd Lake and Talachulitna Lake contain salmon spawning habitat. The subunit will be managed to provide

and enhance recreation opportunities, and fish and wildlife habitat. Maintaining moderate levels of development in a natural environment will be the focus of management attention. Maintaining public use sites is a high priority. There are no non-motorized areas in this subunit.

**Borough Lands.** Borough lands in this subunit are classified "Borough Land Bank." For management intent on borough lands, contact the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

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**Boating restrictions.** None.

**Public Information.** A kiosk which provides information on the Recreation Rivers should be established at a prominent location on Judd Lake. A sign should be established at the outlet of the lake identifying the Talachulitna River as a Recreation River.

**Acquisition of Private Lands.** A private parcel is located at the inlet of Judd Lake. This site has never been developed. It is currently being used as a drop-off point for floaters and as a campsite. This parcel or easement should be acquired for public use. See Chapter 2, *Land Acquisition Priorities*.

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- PU 5e.1 Judd Lake** (two sites) (RM 18). Public lands near the inlet and the outlet are drop-off points for float trips. These two sites are also heavily used for fishing. The inlet is mostly wetlands, in private ownership, and undeveloped. This parcel should be acquired for public use. See Chapter 2, *Land Acquisition Priorities*.